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WITHDRAWAL OF EMPIRE FORCES FROM GREECE WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH GREAT SKILL, DEVOTION OF THE THREE ARMED SERVICES

Troops Entirely Unperturbed By Struggle Against Odds

EIGHTY PER CENT. OF THE ORIGINAL EMPIRE FORCES IN GREECE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SAFELY WITHDRAWN. THE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT OF ALL WAS RETAINED. HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT WHICH HAVE BEEN LOST WILL SOON BE REPLACED, states a Cairo communiqué, according to a Reuter message.

During last week, the re-embarkation of the personnel of the Empire Forces in Greece had been taking place in the most difficult conditions. Full results cannot yet be given, but at least 80 per cent. of the original force have already been safely conveyed to areas where they can undertake further active employment.

THIS OPERATION WAS ONLY POSSIBLE AS A RESULT OF GREAT SKILL AND DEVOTION BY ALL THREE ARMS OF THE SERVICES.

Need For "Permanent Mobilisation" Of The Red Army Urged

MOSCOW, May 1 (Reuter)—The need for "permanent mobilisation" of the Red Army is urged on May Day in an Order of the Day issued by Defence Commissar, MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO.

"The Red Army," he declared, "is ready to offer annihilating rebuff to any encroachments on the part of Imperialists upon the interests of our Socialist state".

H.K.-S'HAI RICE AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter)—Arrangements are now finally concluded between the HONG-KONG GOVERNMENT and the SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, according to which 5,000 tons of Rangoon rice will be shipped to Shanghai immediately and further regular shipments to the extent of 20,000 TO 25,000 PER MONTH will follow as required.

With the exception of trade, orders for which export permits have already been obtained and which do not exceed 2,900 tons, no further permits for export of rice from Hongkong to Shanghai will be granted except to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

ROME BUDGET DEFICIT

ROME, May 1 (Reuter)—A deficit of £720,000,000 for the current year is predicted by Signor Bevilacqua speaking at the Finance Commission Budget.

The deficit will be met mainly by loans.

Signor De Reval, Finance Minister, said war expenditure hitherto is about £61,000,000 monthly.

U.S. MARINES TO BE RECALLED

TIENTSIN, May 1 (Reuter)—U.S. marines in North China are being recalled shortly, the first batch of 70 from Peiping and 50 from Tientsin are leaving by the middle of the month for Manila, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

SEASONAL MOVEMENT

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter)—U.S. Marine authorities in Shanghai state the movement of troops is purely seasonal.

Reliefs will be sent in due course to take over from the marines who are leaving.

The rear-guard which covered the withdrawal imposed on the enemy a slow cautious advance despite his great superiority in numbers.

The Royal Navy and the merchant service showed great courage and devotion in the face of heavy and sustained air attacks against ports and beaches where the embarkation took place.

The R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm, although very heavily outnumbered, played their part both in providing some measure of protection for the ships during their passage and in conveying the key personnel from Greece with transport by aircraft.

It is noteworthy that despite the heavy fighting they have been through and the trying experience of re-embarkation under such conditions the troops which returned from Greece are entirely unperturbed by their struggle against such odds and are convinced of their superiority over the Germans, both as individuals and as units and formations.

The successful withdrawal of so large a proportion of invaluable troops is a noteworthy achievement. The troops all retained their fighting equipment as well as their fighting spirit.

BECAME OBVIOUS

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—A Middle East communiqué states when it became obvious that the resistance of the Greek army to German invasion was ended, the Government of Greece requested that Empire contingents, which had been sent to help should be withdrawn from Greece.

At this time, Empire troops were in close contact with the enemy on the Thermopylae positions after being withdrawn from more forward positions.

The enemy, by the employment of greatly superior numbers, had obtained the complete command of the air and by repeated attacks, made unusable the one

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OUTER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK PENETRATED

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—The enemy penetrated the outer defences of Tobruk this morning, states a British Middle East communiqué.

It states that enemy infantry in some strength, supported by numerous tanks, launched an attack yesterday evening and the penetration was effected this morning.

Details are not available and fighting is continuing.

In the Sollum area, the communiqué adds, British patrols were again active, inflicting casualties and damage on the enemy.

Describing the present war as a "second Imperialist war undertaken for the purposes of a redivision of the world," he declared it "embraced almost all the capitalist countries and is being fed by the resources of North and South America".

In a guarded reference to the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact, the Marshal called it a "document of great political importance which represents an important step along the path of an improvement of our relations with Japan".

NEW CZECH ORDER

Far from being misled by Herr Hitler's brainless new order, Czechoslovak workers are preparing for a new Czechoslovak social order, declared the President, DR. BENES, in a May Day broadcast to his people.

"The constructive ability of the Czechoslovak worker will be the bulwark against anarchy in disintegrated post-war Europe," added Dr. Benes who gave an instance of the former party coalition system as one of the features which is to be removed from the future political life in Czechoslovakia.

DE GAULLE'S BROADCAST

GENERAL DE GAULLE, broadcasting over the radio of Brazzaville on Monday, urged French workers not to participate in the "masquerades organised by Herr Hitler and Vichy."

"By treating May 1 with dignified silence, French workers will show their contempt of the traitors and their hope of deliverance."

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Slogans extolling M. STALIN'S foreign policy are prominent figures of the festivities in Russia and they claim that the policy is peace among nations and the safety of the Soviet Fatherland.

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DUTCH SEAMEN AT POSTS

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter)—Princess Juliana, broadcasting on her 32nd birthday, expressed thanks for the good wishes and said that the Netherlands Tri-colour still flies throughout the world, despite the treacherous attacks from sea and air and Dutch seamen will stand at their posts to maintain the lifelines between Britain and America which are of great importance for winning the war.

WILLKIE URGES TRANSFER OF MORE DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN: VIGOROUS REPLY TO LINDBERGH



MR. WILLKIE

THE TRANSFER OF MORE SHIPS AND DESTROYERS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN and, if necessary, provision for United States trans-Atlantic convoys, is urged by MR. WENDELL WILLKIE in an article in the current issue of the widely read COLLIER'S WEEKLY, says Reuter.

Mr. Willkie's article is a vigorous reply to the Isolationist article written by COL. CHARLES LINDBERGH which appeared in a recent issue of the same magazine.

The views expressed by Mr. Willkie are editorially endorsed as "WISE AND UPRIGHT."

"We should furnish Britain with ships," said Mr. Willkie, "ships in our docks and coast ports, as well as impounded ships of other nations; ships we are building, ships until it hurts."

"Give Britain the destroyers, and if necessary, convoy the production of our factories and farms so that England will survive."

The combined production of England, America, Canada and Australia would give Britain air superiority in 1942-43. Mr. Willkie declared, "when the peoples of the conquered countries, perhaps even the enslaved Germans, will arise."

MONOTONY BROKEN

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The monotony of ferrying American bombers across the Atlantic was broken for Flight-Lieut. Gautrey on his last trip.

After an uneventful flight all night in the first of the Catalian type aircraft to be delivered to the R.A.F., Flight-Lieut. Gautrey descended to avoid strong headwinds, suddenly spotted an extensive patch of oil and saw a light signal coming from a small flashlamp.

Circling round, he discerned, in semi-darkness, nine lifeboats clustered together. Most of the occupants were standing up, waving. Conspicuous were Lascars in blue dungarees.

F-Lt. Gautrey signalled for the name of the ship which was spelt out slowly.

The wireless quickly got into operation, and soon after landing, Gautrey heard that a British destroyer had picked up his radio and rescued the ship-wrecked mariners.

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NEW P.A.A. EXTENSION TO S'PORE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 (Reuter)—The first airline connexion between the UNITED STATES and SINGAPORE will be inaugurated tomorrow when the Pan American Airways Clipper leaves here and links up with the new extension from Manila.

The Civil Air Service Order signed by President Roosevelt states: "The current world conditions and the importance to the United States of Malaya and the Netherlands Indies require the establishment of the service in public interest."

The weekly service from here to Manila henceforth is being extended to Singapore and Hongkong in alternate weeks.

The flight from Manila to Singapore will take 6½ hours compared with nearly a week by steamer.

MR. CAMPBELL AND PARTY AT DURAZZO

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter)—The British Minister to Yugoslavia, Mr. Ronald Campbell and the British Colony in Belgrade, forming a party of 61, are now at Durazzo awaiting permission to return to Britain, states a despatch from Durazzo to the NEW YORK TIMES.

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WOP PRISONERS AT DESSIE

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—Italian prisoners taken at Dessie so far counted total 8,000.

The capture of the town was achieved entirely by South African infantry, armoured cars and artillery.

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SLIGHT ACTIVITY

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EVACUATION SCHEME

GIBRALTAR, May 1 (Reuter)—The Governor intends to continue the evacuation scheme when necessary and only civilians vital for defence will remain. This is purely precautionary.

PETROL PRICES DROP

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter)—One of the many effects of the conclusion of the Sino-British and Sino-American Currency Stabilization Agreement is the sharp decline of gasoline prices in Chungking which dropped from \$50 to \$20 per gallon.

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Today's News Summary

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AREA ATHLETIC MEET WON BY MIDDLESEX

Relay Teams Capture Five Out Of Six Finals

THE FIRST BN., MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, won the Area Athletic Meeting at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui po, yesterday, defeating 8th Coastal Regiment, R.A., by a good margin of 26 points. The holders, 12th Coastal Regiment, R.A., could do no better than finish sixth.

The Middlesex relay teams enjoyed a field day, taking five of the six finals contested yesterday.

A Middlesex Regt. athlete, L/C. HEATHER, also returned the best individual performance of the afternoon, running a half-mile in 2 mins. 4 secs. to anchor the winning team in the Two Miles Relay.

At the conclusion of the sports H.E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett gave away the prizes.

During the meeting, another afternoon's sport was arranged for next Thursday, when a combined Royal Artillery team will meet combined Middlesex and Rajput Regiments.

THE RESULTS

Two Miles Relay: Won by Middlesex Regiment (Sgt. Hobson, Pte. Goodall, L/c. Cox and L/c. Heather). 2nd 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. 3rd 5/7th Rajput Regt. Time: 8 mins. 36 secs.

880 Yards Relay: Dead heat between Middlesex Regt. (Ferguson,

Club Tennis Singles:

PAGH & OXLADE ENTER FINAL

BY "SERVER"

At the Stand Court yesterday, M. PAGH, holder, and C. H. R. OXLADE won their respective matches to enter the final of the Club Singles Championship.

Pagh beat R. E. Guest 6-3, 6-4, while Oxlae beat F. W. Carter 6-3, 6-1.

The first match was the better of the two, Pagh's steadiness carrying him through. His driving down both wings was in good working order while his service revealed the same accuracy. Guest tried some enterprising shots but these could not break down the smooth driving game of Pagh.

Guest tried, with some success, to bring Pagh to the forecourt but abandoned this in favour of a baseline game in which Pagh was his master.

DOUBLE FAULTS

In the second set, Pagh led 5-3 but with two double faults lost the ninth. Guest, however, failed to benefit from this, Pagh winning the next for the set and match.

The Oxlae-Carter match, got off to a slow start and though the scores in the first set were closer better tennis was seen in the second when both players seemed to have found their touch. Rallies were far and between and Oxlae's consistency won him the day. Carter was weak on his backhand. He scored many points with his first service but he was too inconsistent with it to gain an advantage.

TODAY'S MATCH

A capacity crowd is expected this afternoon when S. A. Rumjahn, holder, meets Tsui Wal-pui in the semi-final of the Open Singles.

It has been predicted, with some confidence, in certain quarters, that the "evergreen" Sirdar will enter his tenth final. Rumjahn is indeed, playing very well at the moment and appears to be on top form. On the other hand, Tsui seems to have dropped off in his game but he is a player whose form is hard to gauge.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The May Race Meeting will be held at Areal Preta, Macao on Sunday 4th May, 1941, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Admission to Members' Enclosure: \$1; Public Stand 50 cents.

By Order,

T. A. MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries & Treasurers,
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1941.

ENTRIES FOR FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEET

The following is the advance copy of entries for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, May 19.—

1-2 p.m.—Carpentaria H'cap.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "D" Class.

To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Beauford, Colorado Star, Dick Turpin, Forehand Drive, Grand Allegiance, Harmony Star, High Hat, May, Schattemerger, Sea Urchin, Subpoena, Sunspot, Surprise Again, Sydney Diamond, Trade Wind, Tropical Love, Vigor.

1 min. 39 1/5 secs.

One Mile Team Race: 1st Middlesex Regt., 2nd 12th Coastal Regt., R.A. Individual placings: 1st L/c. Heather (M/Sex), 2nd Hav. Mohd. Ali (12th Coastal), 3rd Pte. Shaw (M/Sex). Time: 4 mins. 47 secs.

480 Yards Hurdles Relay: Won by 8th Coastal Regt., R.A. (Capt. Skipwith, Gnr. Marshall, Nk. Jheri Khan and Nk. Jaginder Singh), 2nd 2nd Bn. Royal Scots, 3rd 5/7th Rajput Regt., 4th 5th A.A. Regt.

Time: 1 min. 11 3/5 secs.

One Mile Relay: Won by Middlesex Regt. (L/c. McGrady, Pte. Goodall, Pte. Cox and Pte. Williams), 2nd 5th A.A. Regt., 3rd 2nd Bn. Royal Scots, 4th H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A. Time: 3 mins. 40 secs.

110-Stone Tug-of-War: 12th Coastal Regt., R.A. beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. by two straight pulls.

440 Yards Relay: Won by Middlesex Regiment (Pte. Pacey, Cpl. Seton, L/c. Bright and Sgt. Freshwater), 2nd Combined Small Units, 3rd 8th Coastal Regt., R.A. Time: 47 seconds.

130-Stone Tug-of-War: 12th Coastal Regt., R.A. beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. by two straight pulls.

FINAL STANDINGS

1st Bn. Middlesex Regt. 183 pts., 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. 155 pts., 5/7th Rajput Regt. 137 pts., 1st Hongkong Regt. H.K.S.R.A. 123 pts., 2nd Bn. Royal Scots 119 pts., 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. 118 pts., 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. 114 pts., 2/14th Punjab Regt. 93 pts., Combined Small Units 78 pts.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

TENNIS. — Open Singles semi-final, S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wal-pui; Club Handicap Singles Final, G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v. T. J. Gould (-15/2); Handicap Mixed Doubles, C. H. R. Oxlae and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15).

TOMORROW

GOLF. — Captain's Cup, Fanling.

LAWN BOWLS. — First Division—

Recreo "A" v. Craignegowen; Civil Service v. Kowloon C. C.; Indian Recreation Club v. Police; Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" v. Recreo "B"; Kowloon Dogs v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "C".

Second Division—Recreo "V".

Hongkong Cricket Club; Kowloon C. C. v. Kowloon Tong; Craignegowen v. Prison Officers; Kowloon Football Club; Third Division—Craignegowen v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Hongkong Football Club v. Kowloon Football Club; Police v. Indian Recreation Club; Hongkong Cricket Club v. Recreo.

YACHTING. — Closing Cruise and Prize Giving.

SUNDAY, MAY 4.

BOWLS. — Volunteers-Sgt. Mess v. Kowloon C.C. 3.30 p.m.

GOLF. — Adamson Cup, first round.

RACING. — Macao Jockey Club Race Meeting, at Areal Preta, Macao, 3 p.m.

K.F.C. RINKS FOR TOMORROW

The following have been chosen to represent the K.F.C. in the Second and Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League tomorrow.—

SECOND DIVISION (v. H.K.F.C. at Home)—Leapsley, Attinga, Chittenden, Field (skip); Naeff, Eastman, Kemp, Youngusband (skip); Dowd, Downman, Ferguson, Simpson (skip).

THIRD DIVISION (v. H.K.F.C. away)—Cross, Thompson, Macintyre, Ordin (skip); Williams, Frost, Abbes, Smalley (skip); Woodcock, S. C. Wong, Fuller, Evans (skip).

OUTDOOR SPORTS MOST POPULAR IN CANADA

Canadians spent about three million dollars for sports equipment during 1939, according to a recent government report which shows that the value of sporting equipment and accessories manufactured in the Dominion for that year exceeded \$2,000,000. In addition, more than three-quarters of a million dollars worth of sporting goods were imported.

The principal types of equipment and supplies made in Canada were as follows: baseball \$181,781, billiard, bowling and football \$288,124, golf \$482,400, hockey \$170,369, ski \$252,904, tennis and badminton \$406,757, and fishing tackle \$141,146.

Canada occupies an enviable position in the realm of outdoor sports. An abundance of forests, lakes and rivers, mountainous open spaces, and sea shore areas provide unexcelled facilities for indulgence in health-promoting exercise all the year round.

Y'S MEN AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"A man is not a wise man unless he is conscious of the fact that he is a citizen of this earth. A man is not a wise man unless he is aware of the duties of his world citizenship. A man is not a man unless he has worldly outlook as well as a national one. It is the duty of each Y's man to help each other and his friend to become a wise Y's man," man."

This was part of the address on "Y's Men and International Relations" delivered by Dr. Joseph Yu, who, led the discussion at the Y's Men's tiffin held at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

HISTORY OF CLUB

Reviewing the history of the Y's Men Club, Dr. Yu said, in part:

In Nov. 1920 Paul W. Alexander, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, began to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the realisation of this movement. The adoption of the name, "Y's Men," proved to be very clever.

The term "Internationals" seemed at that time to be mighty ambitious but it was not so long after that a club was organised in Sydney, and thus the movement was off to its start as a truly "international" organisation.

The movement grew by leaps and bounds. It was during 1925 that a club was organised at Shanghai, and enthusiasm for its international possibilities ran very high.

Mr. Ho Shiu-que, President of the Club, presided.

The Weather Of April

Sunshine 32 Hours Below Normal

The weather during April was mainly unsettled, with very variable temperatures. From the 1st to the 5th it was fair and rather warm, but a renewed onset of the NE monsoon on the evening of the 5th caused a fall in temperature of 30 deg. F. in 24 hours, and the minimum temperature on the 6th was the lowest ever recorded in April.

The next few days were mainly cloudy, with frequent rain or drizzle and occasional thunder. There was a short spell of warm fair weather from the 13th to the 18th but the remainder of the month was cloudy and very unsettled, with much rain and some heavy thunderstorms.

MEAN TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the month was 59.5 deg. F., which is 1 deg. below normal. A maximum of 85.0 deg. was recorded on the 18th and 21st; the minimum of

50 deg. occurring on the 6th was a record for April. The mean relative humidity was 84 per cent, which is normal.

Sunshine amounted to 33 hours against a normal of 115 hours.

Rainfall was above normal for the fourth successive month, the total being 8.69 inches against a normal of 8.20 inches. The total rainfall since January 1 is now 25.66 inches.

The maximum wind velocity in gusts was 51 m.p.h. at 9.15 a.m. on the 21st.

They were enclosed in wrappers reading, "Not obtainable in England" or "Banned in England" and were bought openly by British people who, at home, would not have dared to be seen reading them.

"Is this the best we can do to advertise ourselves?" I asked a friend in Warsaw.

Well soon after, the Germans marched in—and almost everything was banned.



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BRITISH CENSORSHIP SERVICE IN BERMUDA TAKES FULL TIME OF 800 MEN, WOMEN

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 12.—Nearly 800 men and women, most of them from England's bombed cities, are engaged in the constant surveillance of all letters and parcel post sent between the United States and Europe.

The British government is spending a large sum in this work. The rent of three hotels as censorship headquarters is estimated to cost at least \$200,000 a year.

ELABORATE SYSTEM

Thousands of letters pass through the hands of the ever-watchful censors. The most elaborate system of cataloguing and indexing has been put into operation so that everything that has been scrutinised in the past ten years. He arrived here from Chungking last night (Tuesday), and was entertained at tea at the Gloucester Hotel this afternoon by a group of prominent Chinese here, including Mr. Chang I-ling, member of the People's Political Council, Mr. Chen Kung-cheh, well-known calligraphist, Mr. Chang Chien-li, Mr. Tong Kwo-ching, and Mr. Chen Chung-pi.

Part of Mr. Chang's works will be exhibited here next week.

WASHINGTON

May 1 (Reuter)

A dig at Italy is the interpretation in some quarters of the action of the War Department in promoting Major William Bentley, who recall from Rome was demanded by Italy, from the position of Assistant Military Attaché, and assigning him to an important post at Tangier.

AMUSING "FINDS"

A few amusing "finds" which were set aside in a special file, were disclosed recently by G. R. Watkins-Mench, the controller of censorship.

An order was intercepted from Rome asking for the immediate delivery of 1,000 pairs of running shorts, which one censor observed

TWO LANGUAGES

The censorship headquarters resembles an international club. Each of the censors speaks at least two languages and most of them have at least four or five at their command. A letter written in the Eskimo language was given a thorough going over by someone with a fluent knowledge of that tongue.

The most unusual feature of the censorship work is that registered mail, war or no war, receives particular attention and must be accounted for after the war. Registered letters may be opened and indefinitely delayed, but when the war is over every one of them must be sent to the addressed persons.

You see openly sold, now, "raw" novels that, a few years ago, would have raised an outcry. In every European capital where, unless the British Council sent the Soldiers' Welfare Fund there, they were the only publicised exhibits of our culture.

SUMS OF MONEY

Some of the registered letters hold large sums of money. They will be under the watchful care of the censors for the duration of the war.

A familiar sight takes place on the arrival of the clipper plane or a ship. Derricks haul nets filled with bags of mail from the holds and dump them on the deck of a waiting tender. The bags are then rushed to the censorship headquarters where squads of censors are waiting to get on with the job of sorting, cataloguing and censoring.

Axis Forces In Egypt Harassed By Patrols: Wop Garrison Captured

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—Axis troops on Egyptian soil still halted around Sollum are continually harassed by British armed patrols, and concentrations along the coast road are shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher, the desert sands get hotter, sandstorms make it difficult to keep the engines cool and in any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators. These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly unaccustomed to desert warfare.

During the past few months, deserters from the enemy in Abyssinia have been coming over in ever-increasing numbers to join the Emperor's army.

Latest arrivals are 400 Italian and colonial troops from Fort Mota which was captured a few days ago.

Many native troops were forced into military service by the Italians after the occupation of Abyssinia. They seized the first opportunity to rejoin the Emperor and many brought with them their arms and ammunition supplied by the Italians.

GARRISON CAPTURED
The rounding up of the Italians continues. Another isolated garrison was captured at Scotts or the Asmara-Dessie road, south of Amba Alagi.

The difficult country hereabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi.

Light rains are beginning to fall particularly in South Abyssinia, but heavy rains are not due until the middle of May. The present rain is already having some effect on the roads and tracks in southern Abyssinia.

R.A.F. ATTACKS
Enemy troop positions and armament dumps were attacked in the Uadda area in Abyssinia by the South African Air Force. Motor transports were destroyed and heavy casualties were caused among the white and native troops.

Direct hits were made on a building at Tandese aerodrome. Four planes are missing from all operations in the Middle East. The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas of the Mediterranean, it is officially announced.

HEAVY AXIS AIR LOSSES IN BALKANS AND AFRICA

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—Altogether 252 German and Italian aircraft have been destroyed in the Balkans and Africa during April.

In the Western Desert 81 were shot down by British fighters, 11 were destroyed by A.A. fire and 31 were destroyed on the ground.

MR. CAMPBELL IN DURAZZO?

Reported Captured
On Way To Crete

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—Sitting in the best hotel in Durazzo, reading and playing bridge are diplomats and families—some 50 persons altogether—members of the Dutch, Belgian, Polish and British Legations and Consulates in Belgrade, according to a special correspondent of the German wireless service in Albania.

The message claims that Mr. Ronald Campbell, the British Minister in Belgrade, is among the party.

The world has been seeking his whereabouts since the German occupation of Yugoslavia and on Tuesday the British Government asked the United States to enquire from the Italian and German Governments news of Mr. Campbell.

A message from the official German news agency said that Mr. Campbell was captured at sea on his way to Crete by the Italian Navy. Now they say that the diplomatic party was surprised by Italian troops as it was about to embark on a British submarine which got away.

The message adds that the Italian Government has not yet decided on their future.

SHANGHAI EDITOR ASSASSINATED

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Central)—Chu Tso-tung, manager of the Hua Mei Wan Pao (Chinese-American Daily News), was assassinated in Peking Road in the International Settlement, Shanghai, yesterday afternoon. He was hit in the head by two bullets fired by an unidentified gunman and succumbed instantly.

GERMAN TROOPS IN FINLAND

HELSINKI DENIES MOSCOW FIGURES

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of reports of the landing in Finland of 12,000 German troops with tanks and other equipment, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

"The figures given by Moscow beat all previous records in exaggeration" was the unofficial comment following the "semi-official" statement made in Helsinki yesterday that a limited number of Germans had passed through Finland "in accordance with transit arrangements made in the autumn of 1940."

The Moscow newspaper Pravda had said that 12,000 men with tanks and guns landed at the Finnish port of Abo, Reuter's Moscow correspondent states, and the report was received there with no great surprise.

According to neutrals, the Germans in Moscow say that the troops are probably on the way to Narvik.

JOINT MANOEUVRES?
BERNE, May 1 (Reuter)—Reports of joint German and Finnish manoeuvres in Finland are officially denied in Helsinki, states a Swiss agency telegram from the Finnish capital.

HIGH-SPEED MOSQUITO BOATS

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—The Daily Telegraph regards the Imperial War Cabinet idea as impractical on the ground that such a body cannot remain long together, and points out that Lloyd George assembled one in 1917 which sat for the first time on Mar. 20 and the last time on May 2.

ROME, May 1 (Reuter)—Three divisions of British and Greek troops are still resisting in Peloponnesus, according to the Turin newspaper Stamps which says that they occupy a line running across the centre of the peninsula from Agiiinikou on the Ionian Sea to Arcos' north of Nauplie and possess as embarkation ports only Nauplie and Malamata.

R.A.F. ATTACKS
Enemy troop positions and armament dumps were attacked in the Uadda area in Abyssinia by the South African Air Force. Motor transports were destroyed and heavy casualties were caused among the white and native troops.

Direct hits were made on a building at Tandese aerodrome.

Four planes are missing from all operations in the Middle East.

The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas of the Mediterranean, it is officially announced.

Motor torpedo-boats was expected very soon from Britain.

The remaining inactive fleet division of the United States Navy's organised reserves would be mobilised between May 1 and May 30, said Colonel Knox.

About 230 officers and 4,000 men are involved.

TOKYO UPSET BY SOVIET DECREE

TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—While official information has not yet been received competent authorities are mildly astonished by the Soviet decree banning the transit of war materials.

It is said, however, that economic negotiations with the Soviet are continuing, although it is believed they are not concerned with war materials.

It is pointed out the Soviet decree mentions certain exceptions by special authorisation or trade agreement. Japan probably is not affected.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—

The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday squashed, by 13 votes to 10, a resolution that would have prohibited the use of convoys without Congressional sanction.

HOSTAGE HELD

"The Regent had to pass through

two minefields in order to reach

the harbour of Kotor. These are

successfully negotiated on leaving

and then passed out of the Adriatic

and returned to her base with the

Italian hostage still on board.

**FURY OF NAZI NIGHT BOMBERS
AGAIN CENTRED ON PLYMOUTH**

PLYMOUTH, May 1 (Reuter)—This front line city on England's south-west shore is assuming the mantle that was Coven-

try's, writes Reuter's Staff reporter. On Tuesday night, the fifth night in nine, the city endured again the full fury of the German night bombers.

No provincial city has suffered a more concentrated bombing and yesterday Lady Astor, speaking as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, referred to her city as the "worst blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of dies, and some push prams with what is left to them.

Streets of this already stricken city blazed again on Tuesday night. Flames leapt fed by oil bombs. Then the ground shook to the crash of high explosives. Without even a momentary break this went on for some hours.

The clouds were low and targets could not be clearly seen, but this was no deterrent to the Germans who released their loads indiscriminately. The residential areas were shattered.

The Germans seem to be set on

the destruction of the city.

Food convoys, are doing great work in feeding demolition squads, dockers and a large number of workers in some of the worst hit places of the town. Thousands of plates of soup, stew and cups of hot tea are being served daily as well as sandwiches.

H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES PUT THROUGH HER PACES

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—I have just watched the guns of H.M.S. Prince of Wales, Britain's newest battleship, prove their power and accuracy in a practice shoot, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the British Home Fleet.

It was all over in a few minutes of terrifying sound and fury. With its anti-submarine screen of destroyers, the 35,000-ton ship was pressing through the night at a good pace.

I had stationed myself at one of the highest possible points on a platform many feet above sea level. Below, on the gunnery platform, ghostly hooded figures were at work—officers and men in monk-like duffel coats, some peering at instruments, others at the black sea.

Almost simultaneously came a mighty overpowering boom, as the great 14-inch guns opened up.

My tiny platform was rocked. Shells from the 5.25's seemed to whistle past within a foot or two. Clouds of cordite, smoke and fumes almost choked me. I rubbed my eyes.

TARGET STRADDLED

In the bluish rays of a searchlight white columns of water shot up as shells straddled the target.

Barely had the water fallen back into place than the many barrels of multiple pom-poms spat out more shells.

Later, with my head ringing and my eyes smarting, I spoke to the Gunnery Officer.

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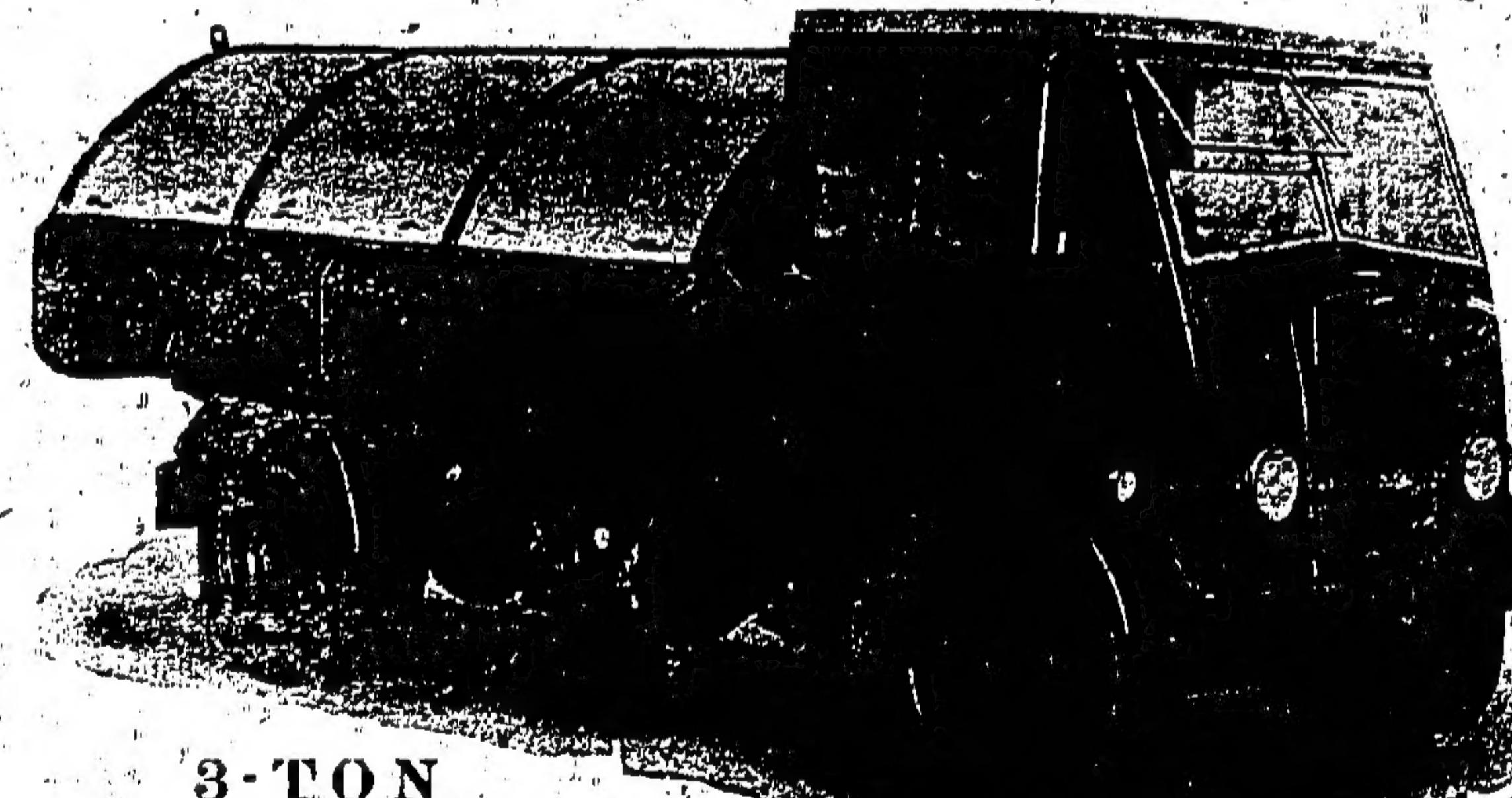
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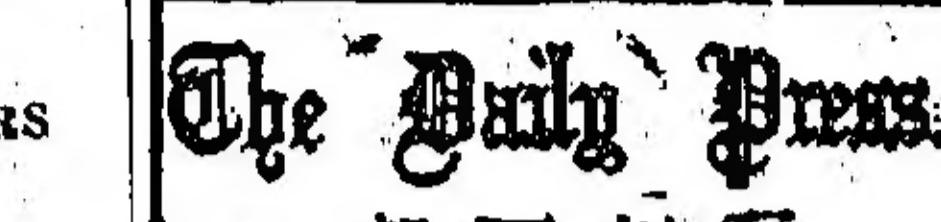
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The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office at the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 17th May, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

EAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.



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FACTS & FIGURES

ANOTHER glorious page in British history has been written by the highly successful and heroic evacuation of British Imperial troops from Greece. The facts and figures of this difficult operation were furnished to the House of Commons on Wednesday by the Prime Minister and must have brought a great measure of relief to many who were waiting, more anxiously than was apparent, perhaps, to hear how many brave men had been able to reach safety in view of the heavy odds against which they had so gallantly fought. The anxiety of the people at Home had no doubt been increased by the exaggerated claims made by the enemy and this was one of the factors which prompted Mr. Churchill to give the public the true figures as soon as they were made available to him. His announcement that 45,000 men of the 60,000 originally landed in Greece had been able to leave Greece indicates the skilful manner in which the evacuation was carried out, while the statement that British casualties of killed and wounded only totalled 3,000 makes it probable that some proportion of the remaining 15,000 men might still be able to get away.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THE ABOVE COMPANY WILL BE HELD AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICES, P. & O. BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH, MAY, 1941, AT 11 A.M., FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 2nd May to Wednesday, the 7th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1941.

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THE SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 7TH MAY TO THE 21ST MAY, 1941, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

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IT IS NOTIFIED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION THAT THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IS BLOCKED FOR TRAFFIC AT THE 1/4 MILESTONE. WORK OF CLEARING IS IN PROGRESS AND IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE SEVEN TO EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE ROAD IS OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT THIS POINT.

BIRTH
MARTIN—On 1st May 1941, at the Queen Mary Hospital, to Constance, Wife of T. Addis Martin, a daughter.

"MRS. DOT"

Selection As Final Play By European Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. Was Happy Choice

NORAH WITCHELL OUTSTANDING AS LADY SELLENGER

The YMCA AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB'S selection of Somerset Maugham's "MRS. DOT" for their final offering of the current season was indeed a happy one, as it proved to be yesterday when the local play-going public heartily applauded it at the West Lounge Theatre on opening night.

The comedy was a natural choice for the YMCA players, no single part being substantially longer than any of the others and no fewer than six of the 11 characters being given by the author sufficient stage time and importance to make something of their roles.

The play serves also as a vehicle to the introduction of another Producer, the new name being that of Charles Thon, who will be remembered as "Sir Toby" of the winter production of "Twelfth Night."

LIMITLESS PATIENCE

To get the best out of "Mrs. Dot," the YMCA players had to get the best available producer. A play with many tricky situations, everyone of which could very easily have fallen flat on the audience, it required first limitless patience in direction and then the utmost co-operation among the players.

CHARLES THON, though he will not admit it, must have had a good deal of patience required, but throws the bouquets over, when these are thrust at him, to the cast. He speaks of splendid co-operation, and the players echo this sentiment about the producer. The play, as presented by the YMCA players, is the most acceptable one of a dozen offered to the local public in the last two years. Pointing no moral, it satisfies another extreme in being light with at least a vestige of sense left attached to it.

If Maugham had meant, as his name for the play suggests, the star part for "Mrs. Dot," he failed to achieve his objective and left it to at least six of the players to try and capture the spotlight.

FIRST HONOURS

Of the half-dozen players left thus striving for first honours, the one who did take them was NORAH WITCHELL, who did the most by every opportunity to steal what scenes the dialogue and plot permitted her, and as the fortyish Lady Sellenger, striving to save her pretty daughter, by fair means or foul, for a £7,000-a-year suitor, she presented a very convincing characterisation.

FREDDIE CLEMO does well as Freddie Perkins (Eton and Oxford) and takes second honours in a role calling for much personal interpretation. He gives it in good doses and never seems to miss. PEGGY SHARPE makes a pretty Nellie Sellenger and when she permits her heart a flutter in the company of young Freddie, it makes one of the best comedy scenes of the year.

Next, honours go to two minor parts, made the most of by two old troupers. WILLIAM KIRBY as Charles the Walter, and RITA COLE, as Aunt Eliza, remain very

confusion, people are apt to think less clearly than they are wont to do. In such a state of confusion also critics of the Government and its officers are inclined to lose their sense of proportion and perspective. Mr. Churchill's statement on the evacuation should do much to restore a correct mental balance in the public mind and, no matter how far demands will be made on the Government for finding ways and means to increase the British war effort and however much irritation may be felt with the methods of mobilising industry and labour at Home for the task of defeating the enemy, there should be no complaint against the manner in which the Government honoured its pledge to Greece in the hour of her trial. Facts and figures speak eloquently and no one will deny now that the sacrifice made by Britain in the matter of 3,000 glorious dead and wounded was not in vain.

THESE are facts which will weigh strongly when the debate on the war opens in the House of Commons next week. The mind of the public at home is at present confused and, in such a state of

CORRESPONDENCE

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELLOWS

To the Editor, H. K. Daily Press Sir.—It is possible that many of your readers have not heard of the latest effort in Hongkong to raise money for the Bomber Fund, i.e. The Fellowship of the Belows, a Society to "Raise the Wind" for the R. A. F. The aims and particulars of the Society have been published already, but may I again state them briefly?

(1) Each member promises to do his best to pay one cent for every Enemy plane brought down per month.

(2) The number of planes brought down will be published monthly, and payments collected. Collecting Boxes will be placed at various centres, or the subscriptions, known as "Blow-ins," can be forwarded to the Treasurer, "Receiver of the Windfalls."

(3) To join the Society each prospective member pays two dollars, for which he (or she) will receive the Society's Badge and Booklet.

(4) There is a scheme of promotion in the Society whereby one rises from a "Whiff" to a "Hurricane," explained in the Booklet.

(5) The Society has the full approval and support of the Hongkong War Effort Committee. No amount is too small and none too large to be received, and the proceeds will be handed over to this Committee to be paid to the S. C. M. P. Bomber Fund.

The idea is catching on well and we have already a membership of 1000 in sight. This number would bring in at least \$3000.-per month, and we want to treble that amount.

I shall be pleased to enrol anyone who applies to me at the address below, or applications can be made to the Whirlwind (Secretary) c/o The Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co. Ltd., Kowloon. (Sgd.) H. F. PHILLIPS,

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A SORROWFUL SCENE

[The Editor, H.K. Daily Press]

Sir.—At 3.30 p.m. today, while waiting for a bus at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf, my attention was drawn by the cries of a big crowd of women round the Government offices opposite. Hundreds of these women had babies on their backs. The police tried to chase them away, but this only made the crowd cry louder. I presumed they were former workers of the Night Soil Guild. As long as I live I shall never forget such a sorrowful scene.

Why cannot the Representatives of the Chinese Community, the Churches and Women Organisations, for the sake of humanity and the peace of Hongkong, study the cause of these poor people.

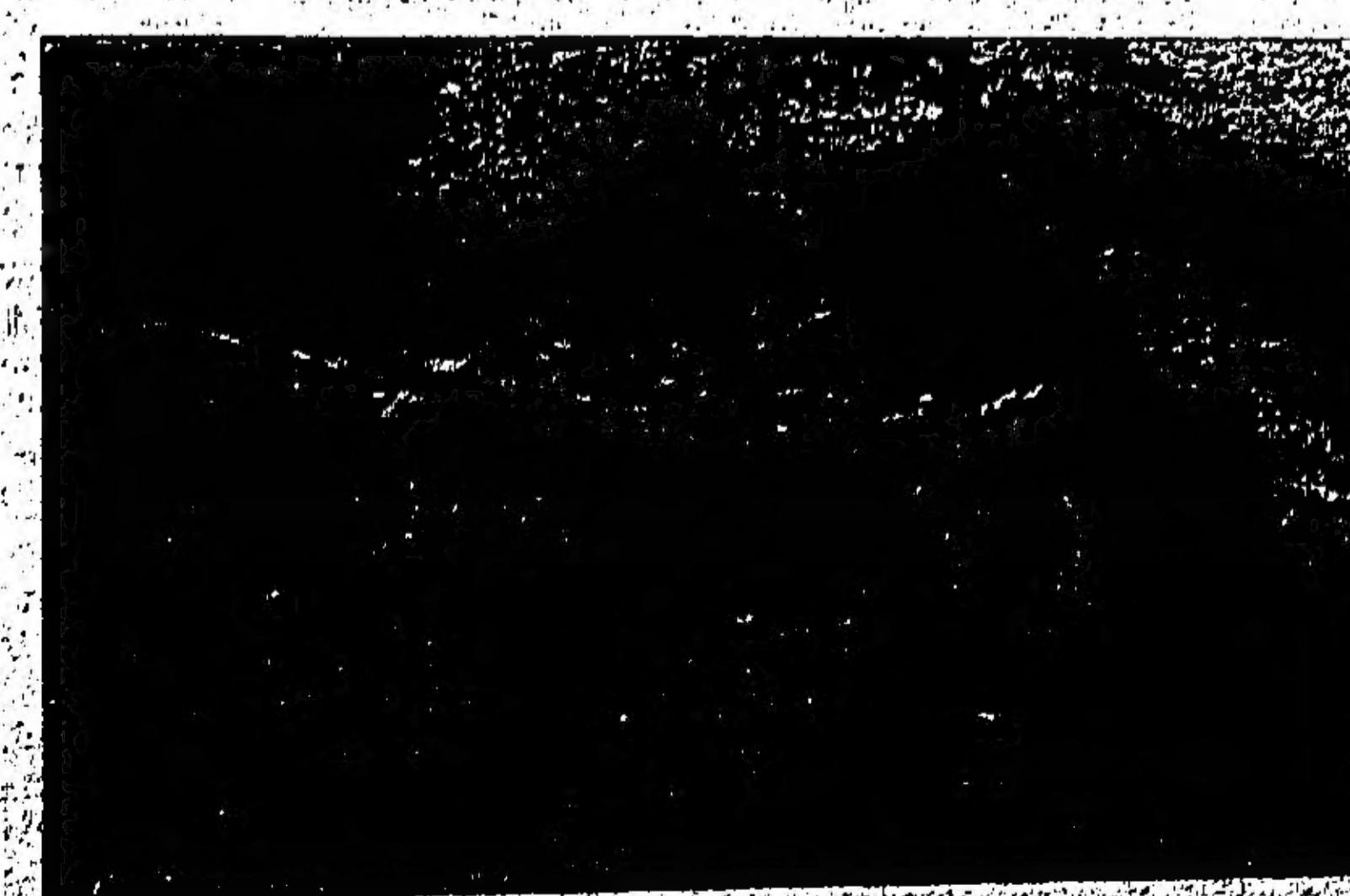
HAVE A HEART.

condition as to be dangerous or prejudicial to health" as being a nuisance.

HARDLY FAIR-PLAY

But the officers responsible for the raid appeared to have overlooked the fact that those people, whose homes they had so callously destroyed, contributed in their small way towards the welfare of the Colony, for many, if not all, of them were vegetable farmers and pig-breeders.

Irrespective of the importance, or unimportance, of these people, the method employed to deprive them of their homes—and, with these homes, all their worldly possessions—was scarcely a contribution to maintaining the prestige of the local Government and all that the phrase "British Justice" has stood for and should always stand for—fairplay and justice for the under-dog as well as for the wealthy!



Searching among the ruins after the fire.

WHEN IS A CONVOY NOT A CONVOY? CONFUSION OVER RECENT EVENTS CLEARED UP BY SIR FREDERICK WHYTE

"And how, you may ask, is London taking it? Well, let's follow the feelings of the public in this week of crisis. You know how London takes things that happen here, but it is not easy to see what the public feels and thinks about more distant events," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., and former political adviser to the Chinese National Government when he broadcast from London on Wednesday.

"When the Londoner is faced with his own danger proportion—always a sense of proportion."

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

"There is evidence of prominent witnesses to support what he said. The Moscow commentator said that Herr Hitler's campaigns would meet with many obstacles. This expert Soviet student of war said, with a proper perspective of the issues, that the first stage of the Nazi Balkan campaign was a foregone conclusion, but that the losses of men and material inflicted by the allied forces was considerable and that Herr Hitler's advance to Iraq and Iran would not be easy. The British Fleet to the Mediterranean is Herr Hitler's bugbear."

"My second witness is General Smuts," went on Sir Frederick. "Some people said that General Smuts was depressed at the news from the Balkans. They forgot that in the last war that the position of the allies in that part of Europe was worse, but still the allies moved to final victory."

"This is what General Smuts had to say: 'This war will not be settled in the Balkans and all the confusion and commotion which Germany has made there will make for hard fighting whatever the present successes she may have achieved.'

"General Smuts had also said that it was to Britain's credit that she had gone to the help of the Greeks. So Germany may be winning victories and yet losing the war."

THIRD WITNESS

"That brings me to my third witness," continued Sir Frederick, "and that is President Roosevelt. The latest evidence shows how far American opinion has moved. When we were in trouble last summer, the American isolationists were strong, and showed their influence. Today we are in trouble again, but this time the effect of our danger is to sharpen the American resolve to redouble the aid she is giving to Britain."

"And so America now moves far beyond her own patrol waters to establish new patrols against a mauldrading enemy. Does patrol mean convoy, asked journalists in America. 'No,' said the President, 'it does not. And so it might seem that the President's new move will relieve us of convoying our ships practically all the way across.'

"I think I can put the question in a different and more illuminating form—'When is a convoy not a convoy?' And the answer is: When there is an American destroyer flotilla on the horizon on patrol."

"In the meantime, if I were one of Herr Hitler's U-Boat commanders, I would not feel so easy about the difference between a convoy and a patrol. Whatever it may be, the United States move brings just the balance necessary to tip us up."

"Mr. Churchill's proportion gives us a true view—one of the western horizon in the United States and the other of the eastern horizon in the Balkans. At each end America appears."

NEWSSETTES

The marriage took place on April 23, at the U.S. Consulate, Shanghai, of Mina Tournay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kart, of St. Louis, Mo., to Mr. William Walt, of Shanghai.

The death occurred on March 31, at White Rock, B.C., of Annie Elizabeth Black (formerly Robinson), late of Shanghai and Hongkong.

The death occurred on April 22, at The Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Joaquim Madeira, aged 52 years, of the General Electric Company of China. Funeral services were held at the Hungkao Road Cemetery on April 23.

The death occurred on April 23, at The Shanghai General Hospital, of Eduardo (Eddie) Maria Baptista, aged 7 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Baptista. Funeral services were held on April 23, at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

THE FIGHT IS STILL FAR FROM FINISHED FOR THE GALLANT GREEKS

"To the Germans the Swastika flying on the Acropolis will soon become a symbol of their unwanted intrusion in a land which did not want them and which despised them," said M. STAVREDI, well-known authority on the Balkans, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"The physical struggle for the mainland of Greece draws to a close and the country will have to accept the humiliation of a puppet government set up by the German masters, while Italy and Bulgaria sit around waiting for morsels to be thrown at them," began M. Stavredi.

NO REASON FOR SHAME

M. Stavredi said that the Greeks had no reason to be ashamed of their defeat. They had fought against troops who were increasingly superior in numbers.

"It was on October 28 that Italy attacked Greece, when an ultimatum was handed to General Metaxas," said M. Stavredi. "There was not a moment of hesitation through the whole country. Political squabbles and jealousies were put aside and the whole nation rose in arms to defend its civilisation."

"They were undismayed and then followed those first anxious days. The Italians were on the soil of Greece. How long could the Greeks hold out? Could the army be mobilised in time? Yes, it could and in one glorious sweep it drove the Italians back."

M. Stavredi described how the Greek army had pushed on and on in triumphant progress, gradually closing in on the Italian communications. Then came the winter when planes could not see to fly, the artillery could not see to fire and the soldiers could hardly see to fight.

ONE AIM

"But still the Greeks went on, always with one aim to destroy the Italian army," said M. Stavredi. "At times they advanced hand-in-hand so as not to lose each other in the snow-storms. Peak after peak, one position after another fell to their assaults. The strain of those six months was both physical and mental."

"Then came the spring and with the spring came Signor Mussolini and the so-called smashing Italian counter-offensive was launched. But instead of sweeping everything before it, the smashing counter-offensive smashed itself against the Greek resistance. The Italian soldiers gave their lives in vain to satisfy the vanity of one man."

"And then a new danger that was obtrusively present all the time, began to show its head. In the face of increasing German irritation, the Greeks decided to

WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES

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available good port of Piraeus in Athens, and consequently the re-embarkation had to take place from open beaches against continual enemy pressure on land and heavy repeated attacks from the air.

In such circumstances, the withdrawal of large numbers of troops could be effected only at the cost of heavy losses of vehicles and equipment while the rear-guards which covered the withdrawal may have to sacrifice themselves to secure the re-embarkation of others.

COLOSSAL LOSSES

MELBOURNE, May 1 (Reuter)—Advices received show Germany's colossal losses in men and machines in Greece, according to a joint statement by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister and Mr. Poll, Minister of the Interior.

Operations were conducted with lower British losses than might have been expected for the military results obtained.

TURKISH DEFENCES

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The defensive dispositions of the Turks have been greatly modified by the German occupation of certain Aegean Islands, cables the Istanbul correspondent of the independent French Agency.

Turkish attention is now concentrated on the Smyrna region where President Inonu is believed to be making a tour of inspection.

German intention, continues the correspondent, appears to be a junction with the Italians in the Dodecanese with the object of isolating Turkey and extending the Axis tentacles towards Syria while avoiding the necessity of a difficult campaign against Turkey.

By sidetracking the Dardanelles, Germany avoids the danger of provoking Russia and will still be able to benefit from the Soviet economic help while she pursues a drive towards the Near East.

The correspondent believes that a large part of the German merchant fleet in the Black Sea, consisting of eight large steamers, will shortly be sent to the Aegean to maintain supplies in the occupied islands.

ITALIAN CLAIM

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The Italian News Agency claims that the Greek battalion that has been holding out in the interior of Corfu has been overpowered.

YUGOSLAV NAVY

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The Yugoslav Navy is actively participating in the work of the British Navy and one Yugoslav submarine and two Yugoslav motor-torpedo boats have safely arrived at a British port.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW S.P.C.

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter)—Writing a new chapter in Shanghai's fast-moving history, the new Provisional Council to govern Shanghai's International Settlement held its first meeting this afternoon.

The Council unanimously elected Mr. J. H. Liddell, China-born British, aged 41, as Chairman and Mr. I. Okamoto, Vice-Chairman.

One of only two pro-Chungking Chinese given seats on the Council, was kidnapped by Wang Ching-wel elements and then released just in time to attend the meeting. He is Mr. L. T. Yuan.

Rumours are that he was forced to go over the Wang side.

AYASHI CASE

TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—Three months after he had shot at Mr. W. J. Keswick, then Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. Okamoto, at a special ratemakers' meeting on Jan. 23, Yukichi Hayashi was brought up for trial in the Nagasaki District Court today when the public prosecutor asked for sentence of two years' imprisonment.

STRICT ECONOMY

Strict economy is being practised in non-war expenditures with the results that the main Dominion estimates for 1941-42, totalling \$1,300,000,000 during the fiscal year 1941-42. Although this is the largest appropriation in Canadian history, total war costs for the year are expected to exceed this figure by a considerable amount.

In addition to this there will be \$400,000,000 for repatriation of securities, \$433,000,000 for non-war Dominion governments, making a total of \$2,700,000,000 which Dominion, provincial and municipal governments together will have to raise from Canadian people during the fiscal year. This total of

BRITISH G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE

SOKOTA CAPTURED BY SUDAN UNITS

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—A British G.H.Q. communiqué announced:

"Greece: The withdrawal of our troops is continuing satisfactorily. Libya and Tobruk: No change in the situation."

"Sollum: Patrol activities are continuing."

"Abyssinia: Units of the Sudan Defence captured Sokota on Sunday last, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. A further 515 prisoners were taken, of whom 400 volunteered to enter the Emperor's service."

"In all other areas, activities of our own troops and patriot forces continue to clear the country of isolated detachments."

CABLE

CYRIL LAKIN

MANY ANXIOUS HEARTS RELIEVED BY OFFICIAL NEWS OF EVACUATION

"Thousands of anxious hearts in Australia and New Zealand will be relieved by the official news that 48,000 Imperial troops in Greece have been already evacuated," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Mr. Lakin said that the total of 60,000 sent to Greece was more than was originally thought and the casualties, 3,000 killed and wounded, much less than it was feared. Worldwide sympathy would be expressed for the bereaved.

COLOSSAL ODDS

The men who volunteered for service in the Greek campaign, advised, knew that they would be up against colossal odds.

Mr. Lakin reminded his listeners that in the last war the retreat from Gallipoli and the Somme was followed by victories in 1918 in France and Palestine.

Any retreat operation was difficult especially when there was constant attack from the air without the power to hit back.

Mr. Lakin explained that it was not because the R.A.F. was weak in Greece, but owing to the lack of airfields, and long-range bombers cannot operate without the protection of fighters.

GRATEFUL SKILL

Mr. Lakin paid tribute to the great skill and devotion of the three fighting Services in the evacuation which he described as marvellous, but which Mr. Churchill, the Premier, in his wish to underestimate good news, had described as remarkable.

Referring to the Greek note to the British Government, Mr. Lakin said that history recalled no better act of consideration for an ally.

WAS WORTHWHILE

The campaign had been worthwhile; as Herr Hitler had been forced to dissipate his forces and had suffered tremendous losses in men and material. When France collapsed, Herr Hitler thought he had won the war. Britain, he thought, was dead, but she would not lie down.

With increasing aid from America the war would not be allowed to drag on indefinitely.

There was no indication of the purpose of the landing of 12,000 German troops in Finland, but it would be watched with interest, concluded Mr. Lakin.

LOCAL OBSERVANCE

International Labour Day was observed by all Chinese labour unions in HONGKONG yesterday when all factories were closed for the day.

IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter)—The Labour Section of the Chinese Y. W. C. A. held an oratorical contest on "The duties of Labourers during the present War of Resistance". This was followed by a patriotic play.

IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter)—The Labour Day was observed throughout the country today.

All the Chungking newspapers

built special supplements this morning while the streets were beflagged.

Government's reply was that the time was inopportune for such a venture as suggested.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar on Tuesday night when planes dropped sandbags representing bombs.

Last night long-range firing practice was being carried out on the northern front rock.

Government's reply was that the time was inopportune for such a venture as suggested.

Another public body, the Straits Chinese British Association, has plans ready to build a "Boys' Home" to take care of child beggars and unwanted progeny, and when this plan is fulfilled one social problem will have been reduced to a minimum, and there will also be a considerable drop in juvenile crime.

H.K. Refugee & Social Welfare Council

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council gratefully acknowledges the following donations for the month of April, 1941:

Mr. Peter Potts \$10; Mrs. Y. H. Poon 23.50; Mrs. L. W. H. Poon 20; Mr. F. V. Jensen 30; Mr. G. S. P. Heywood 30; Mr. King Tai Guan 40; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Campbell 20; Mrs. Huihys 5; Anonymous 20; Nethersole Hospital Amahs 2; Mrs. Cunningham 10; Miss A. K. Morgan 73; St. John's Hall Music Club 250; Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China 50; Messrs. Butterfield and Swire Chinese Staff as a token of appreciation to Mr. Mok Hing-cheong 65; Mr. Peter Potts 10; Sympathiser's five weekly donations 50; A Friend 5; Staff of St. Stephen's Girls College 50.

GIFTS IN KIND

200 pcs. of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood, Jardine Matheson Co.; 200 pcs. of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood, Jardine Matheson Co.; 200 bags clothes and 2 boxes rice sticks, Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Two dead bodies were picked up in the harbour by police launches yesterday. The body of a 55-year-old man, partly decomposed, was picked up near the Hongkong Naval Yard, and another body, that of a man, about 50, near the Yau-mai Old Ferry Pier.

DUBLIN, May 1 (Reuter)—The Daily Agreement passed without discussion the Army Vote for £8,333,558 for the year 1941-42. The amount for 1939-40 for the Army vote made in times of peace was £1,073,025.

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Comments By The Press

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN in a leader yesterday said: "Japan is committed to southward expansion. She means to dominate the Western Pacific forcing the countries therein to submit to her 'new order' and as vassal states, to build up her economic strength.

"The Japanese are dubious about the Moscow Pact. They see M. Stalin means to go on weakening them until he sees them up to the neck in war with someone else; they suspect, doubtless with reason, that he will turn North China 'Red' as far as he can with a view to future profit."

Behind other obstacles to Japan's southward expansion programme, says the paper, in an editorial, is the standing fear that the United States would not allow her to make a triumphant war in the western Pacific, crushing the Dutch East Indies and attack the British position from the Far East to the Red Sea.

SEE ROOSEVELT

Hence, a Japanese writer's suggestion that Mr. Matsukata should now fly to see President Roosevelt.

Recalling Mr. Cordell Hull's words on January 16, that "Japan has been actuated from the start by broad and ambitious plans for establishing herself in a dominating position in the entire region of the western Pacific." It should be manifest to every person that such a programme for subjugation and ruthless exploitation by one country of nearly one half of the population of the world, is a matter of intense significance, importance and concern to every other nation wherever located," the paper comments.

"Yes, yes, it would be a good thing after all" if Mr. Matsukata saw the President.

London, May 1 (Reuter)—The death is announced of Major General Sir Dudley Howard Ridout R. E. C. B. C. M. G.

G. O. C. Straits Settlements, from

1915 to 1921.

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More 'Homes' Needed To Solve Beggar Problem

Though Malaya is well-known as a land of plenty, visitors to these shores are often struck by the numerous beggars that swarm in the streets. The visitors are usually followed at every turn by beggars of all castes, creeds and description, and their first impressions are disillusioning.

They are made to feel that Malaya is after all a land where poverty is rife, or, on the other hand, it is a land of plenty where begging is easily made the mode of living by those afraid of hard work, or any work at all.

Fortunately, however, the beggars in Singapore are on the decrease and this is because the public have been made to feel that their aims giving is misdirected charity. Yet it is still a problem in this city and court prosecutions for begging have in no way remedied the evil.

A plan to tackle it could be modelled on that being undertaken by the Shanghai Rotary Club.

This Club has evolved a scheme to stop, by force, if necessary, public patronage of beggars in Shanghai.

Five Japanese aircraft made an other attack on Kinshwa yesterday afternoon. They dropped more than 40 bombs and machine-gunned the streets.

Last Monday seven Japanese planes bombed Tuiglu on the west bank of the Tung River which forms the upper reaches of the Chientang River. About 10 persons were killed and wounded and 100 houses demolished.

MEI LAN-FANG INVITED TO ACT IN CHUNGKING

Dr. Mei Lan-fang, famous Chinese female impersonator who has retired from the stage and has been staying in Hongkong has been invited to act in Chungking to raise war relief funds.

It is learned that Dr. Mei is now considering the matter and if he accepts the invitation, will leave for the wartime capital in the near future.—(Central).

SHAM AIR ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR

VICHY, May 1 (Reuter)—Troops escorted by two destroyers arrived at Gibraltar and sailed again, according to an Algiers despatch.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar on Tuesday night when planes dropped sandbags representing bombs.

Last night long-range firing practice was being carried out on the northern front rock.

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CURRIE COMPLETES SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

WASHINGTON. (By Clipper): Dr. Lauglin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, has completed his "special assignment" to China and submitted his findings to the Chief Executive and is now back to his old desk on the second floor of the old grey State Department building across the street from the White House.

From the time he left Washington at the end of January till the time he returned in March Dr. Currie had been much in the limelight and there was considerable speculation as to the exact nature of his "mysterious" mission. He is one of the six close associates to the President who wants to remain anonymous, but he has undoubtedly received more publicity than the other five put together during the last two months due to the importance of his flying trip.

The CENTRAL NEWS correspondent called on Dr. Currie recently and found him still enthusiastic over his first trip to the Orient. He was quite amused by the write-up of the Press conference he gave in Hongkong which appeared in the Hongkong Daily Press. Since he returned to Washington he has not given any press conference or interviews.

MAKE STEADY

He told the Central News that his job was to go to China to make a study for the President and after he submitted his findings, his work was completed. He said Mr. Harry Hopkins and other high government officials who have recently visited Europe have never given interviews in which they revealed their findings.

When told that correspondents attending the White House Press conferences during the last three weeks had raised the question of his trip and report, Dr. Currie replied that aid to China was specifically mentioned in President Roosevelt's speech on March 15th. At this time the Administration could not say what aid was being given in terms of dollars and cents and the amounts of supplies. The same held true for aid to Britain and Greece.

Dr. Currie was a bit annoyed when told that the Japanese newspapers, two days after his return to Washington, had published identical reports saying that he was "pessimistic" about China's war chances. He referred to the Central News that he still held to the views which he expressed be-

Man Alleged Beaten Up For Failing To Pay 11 Cents Bill In Teahouse: Manslaughter Hearing

Alleged to have assaulted an unknown Chinese and caused his death for failing to pay 11 cents for tea and cakes, four fokis of the Sing Heung teahouse, No. 7, Chuen On Street, Kowloon City, were charged with manslaughter before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Accused were CHAN TAK, 29, CHENG CHAN-LEUNG, 20, CHAN MING-LAP, 21, and CHUNG YU-SHING, 20.

Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey, assisted by Det.-Sgt. C. Downman, prosecuted.

Insp. Carey said that the deceased went to partake of tea in the teahouse early on the morning of April 11. After consuming 11 cents worth of tea and cakes, he walked up to the counter about 5.50 a.m. and told the mistress of the shop that he had no money to meet payment.

The mistress was alleged to have pushed the deceased towards the kitchen and, at the same time, second and third accused came down from the cocktail and entered the kitchen.

CRIES HEARD

Insp. Carey continued that a customer heard cries of "save life" coming from the direction of the rear of the house after the party had entered there. Another man who lived on the second floor of the teahouse, said Insp. Carey, would give evidence that he saw the deceased being fastened to the drainpipe with a rope and being assaulted.

Another man, continued Insp. Carey, saw second and third defendants carrying the body of an unconscious man out from the teahouse.

A report was made to the Police and the defendants were arrested. Giving evidence, Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Hospital, said that the cause of death was ruptured spleen. The deceased had bruised on his body.

In evidence, the mistress of the teahouse denied any knowledge of

TWO KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, there were altogether 84 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 24 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese female, age 28, was knocked down and killed by a motor cycle while crossing the carriageway and an unknown Chinese male died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of 84 accidents, 31 were collisions between vehicles; 33 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 20 accidents were due to other causes.

YOUTH'S DAY OF CHINA

Message Sent To American Students

On May 4, 1941, the Youth's Day of China, the Canton University English Club recently sent a message to the American Student Union, New York. The message reads as follows:

"In modern Chinese history, May 4 is a day of great significance. It was proclaimed by the Chinese National Government as a Youth's Day and is now being celebrated throughout the land.

"On May 4, 1919 a group of our students at Peking demanded the immediate dismissal of several diplomats who had turned traitors and opposed secret diplomacy manipulated by selfish politicians. The movement resulted in an effective boycott against Japan and, what is more important, it accomplished the thorough awakening of the masses. For the first time in our history, political dissension was swept away by the rising tide of nationalism.

AVOIDED ANSWERS

Although President Roosevelt

has time and again avoided

answering questions at the White

House Press conference concerning

Dr. Currie's report, informed

circles here state that the Presi-

dent may be keeping the Japa-

nese guessing, but, definite aid to

China will come as a result of Dr.

Currie's report and the passage of

the Lease-Lend Bill.

BELIEF IN VICTORY

"Our War of Resistance will be seen

enter into its fourth year in July

1941. We have done our best to

prosecute the war, and we are

entitled to believe that the final

victory will be ours.

"A resolution was passed by the

Assembly of the American Student

Union on December 27, 1940 to the

effect that all American university

students start a campaign to raise

funds on May 4 for the relief of

Chinese students. We gladly take

this golden opportunity to express

our deepest appreciation for your

notable work which is indeed a

great encouragement to us.

"We Chinese students are fully

prepared to support the cause of

justice and righteousness. We

sincerely invite the students of all

Democracies to join hands with us

to combat the aggressors."

GENERAL

Hollywood Make-Up Secret Comes To H.K.: Max Factor Booth Opened Yesterday



Interior of the Max Factor booth of Messrs. J. M. da Rocha and Co., in Windsor House.—(King's Studio).

The better you look, the better you feel—life may not begin at 40, but it can be mighty doggoned satisfying!

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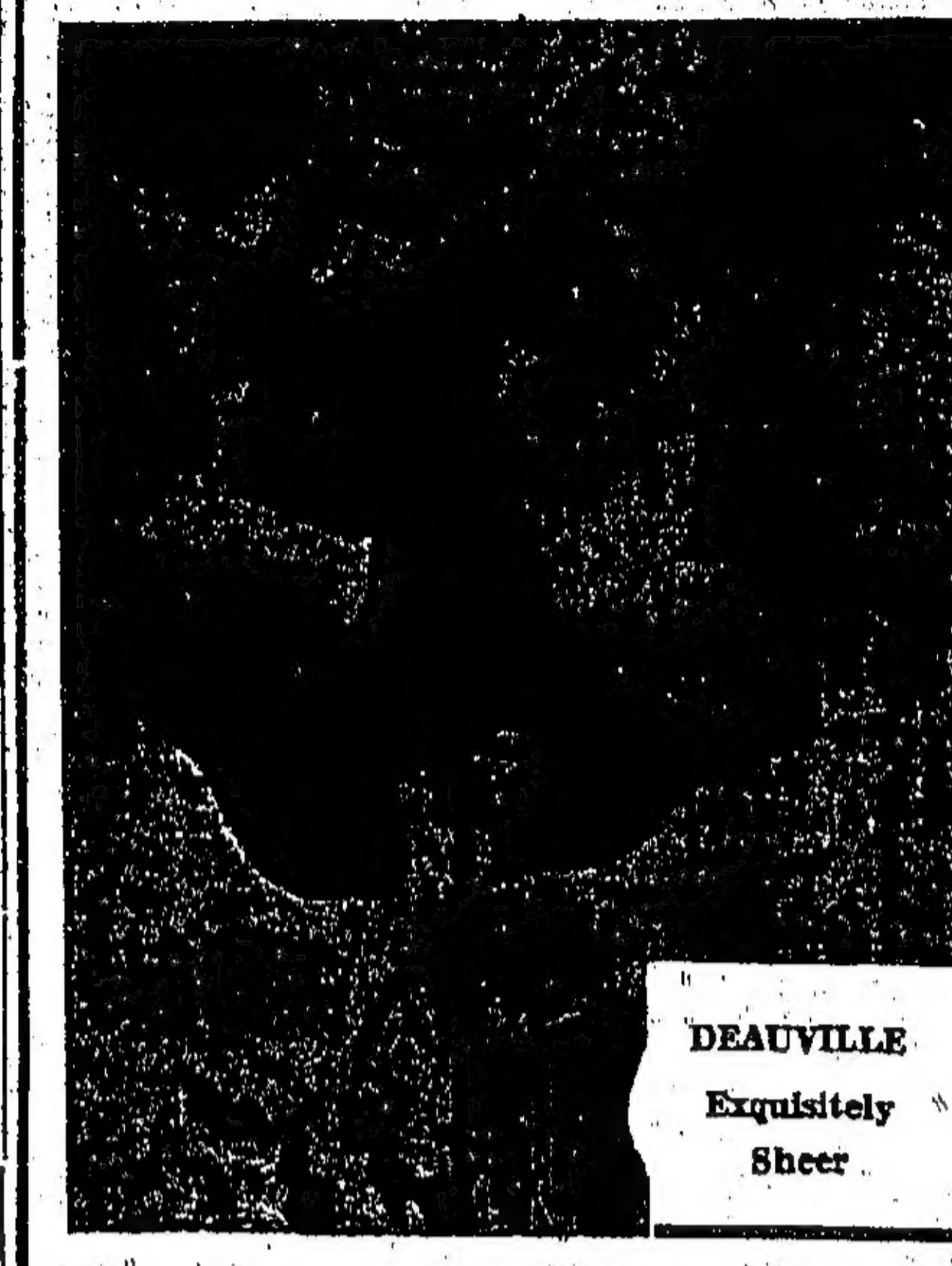
And now Hollywood has been brought to Hongkong by the opening of a Max Factor booth on the ground floor at Windsor House, Des Voeux Road Central, through Max Factor's agents, Messrs. J. M. da Rocha and Company.

The booth was opened to the public yesterday and Hongkong's society women will be able to secure all the facilities of the make-up used by Hollywood's most famous celebrities.

Advice in the use of the various Max Factor products will be available to everyone and demonstrations will be given on this delicate feminine art.

Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Company's enterprise is particularly valuable to the Colony at this

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Please accept my sincere wishes for success your new Max Factor booth at Windsor House in Hongkong. Here's what they say:—
"Congratulations on opening new Max Factor booth at Windsor House and best wishes for continued success."—MAX FACTOR, JR.
"Greetings from Hollywood and congratulations on bringing Hongkong women our make-up secret."—JOAN CRAWFORD.
It is also interesting to note that Mrs. Mildred West, who is associated with the Max Factor Studio in Hollywood, is expected to arrive in Hongkong in September.



JOAN CRAWFORD

Glamorous Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Star

Max Factor Booth in Windsor House gives same SERVICE as in M. F. Studio in Hollywood. Demonstrations without obligations.

Have You Tried Hollywood's New TRU-COLOR RED Lipstick?

JUST LIKE the glamorous screen stars of Hollywood, you too, can safeguard the appealing loveliness of soft, smooth, red lips by using this sensational new Tru-Color Lipstick created by Max Factor Hollywood. It has all the qualities you've always wanted in perfect lip make-up, plus these four amazing features:

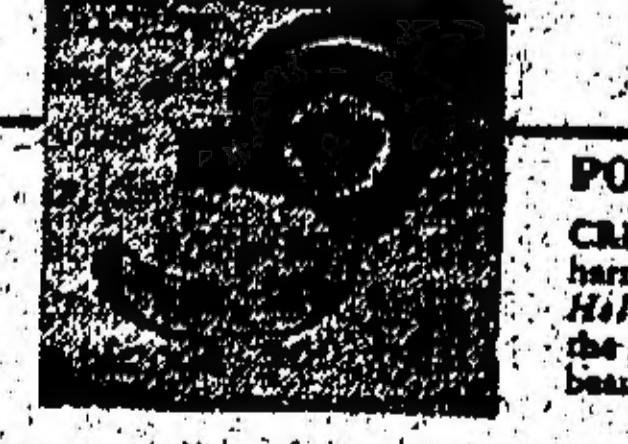
1. lifelike red of your lips

2. non-drying, but indelible

3. safe for sensitive lips

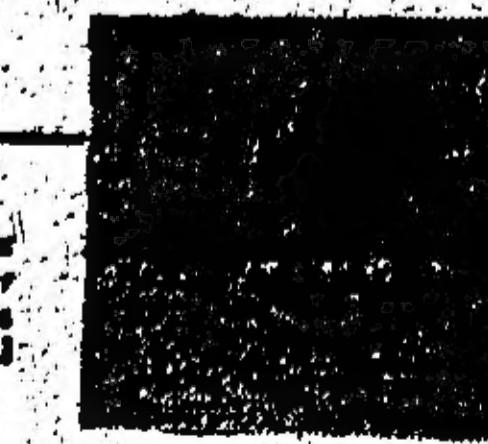
4. eliminates lipstick lines

A new thrill awaits you, the very first time you make-up with a Tru-Color Red Lipstick... and there is a color harmony shade just for your type. Remember the name—ask for a Max Factor Hollywood Tru-Color Lipstick. Try it today. At leading drug and department stores everywhere.



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TELEGRAM
ROCHA.—HONGKONG.—26 April Greetings from Hollywood, and congratulations on bringing Hong Kong Women our Make-Up Street.

Joan Crawford

Max Factor
HOLLYWOOD

STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM—**HONGKONG IS SENDING RICE TO SHANGHAI!**

THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAS NOW MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE RICE CONTROLLER OF HONGKONG which, barring unforeseen and/or uncontrollable circumstances, will enable the Council to place at the disposal of the Shanghai market regular and substantial quantities of rice which will suffice to solve the Shanghai rice problem so far as supplies are concerned, an S.M.C. communique issued on April 23 stated, according to the North China Daily News.

The Council is "determined that these supplies shall be made available to the public at the lowest possible cost and is making arrangements accordingly."

OPTION OBTAINED

The Council has already obtained an option on a quantity of 5,000 tons which has been offered to representatives of the Rice and Cereals Guild on terms which should ensure that this quantity will be made available to the public at prices very substantially below those now ruling, the communique concluded.

Representatives of retail rice shops in both foreign areas, who have been keeping the Shanghai population supplied with its daily quota of rice by buying rice from the Shanghai Rice Market in Foochow Road, refused to go into the Market. Instead they awaited action against profiteers, who have been demanding "allowances" in addition to the price money which, action, in a large measure, has been responsible for the record prices quoted by the shops.

BOYCOTT OF MARKET

It was learned that they had decided to boycott the Market for three days as it was stated it would be difficult to continue business unless the authorities put a stop to the "allowance" system in which profiteers follow prices officially allowed in name with by the authorities.

RECORD FOREST OUTPUT

The value of production from New Brunswick forests reached the all-time high of \$41,000,000 in 1940 as compared with \$28,500,000 in 1939, an increase of \$12,500,000.

A total of 275,000,000 feet of sawn lumber valued at \$9,000,000 and 590,000 cords of pulpwood, pit-props, and other round timber with a total value of \$7,000,000 was exported through New Brunswick ports last year.

During the year the province's six pulp and paper mills used 738,000 cords of pulp to manufacture \$18,000,000 worth of newsprint, kraft, paper board and pulp products for export. Production from Crown Lands in New Brunswick for 1940 was 138,000,000 board feet of sawn lumber and 328,000 cords of pulpwood, pit-props, and other round timber.

The pit-prop requirements of British mines provided a new industry for the Maritime Provinces in 1940, with New Brunswick supplying approximately 70 per cent of the pitwood exported from Canada to the United Kingdom.

Previous to the outbreak of the war, little was known in the Maritimes concerning the manufacture of pit-props, and in order to assist operators to furnish products satisfactory to the British market special lessons in pitwood production were given at the Acadia Forest Experiment Station, near Fredericton, N.B., by foresters of the Federal Department of Mines and Resources.

FARM CATTLE INCREASE

According to the latest survey of live stock on Canadian farms, the number of cattle on Canadian farms was estimated at 8,315,600 head, a gain slightly more than one per cent over the total of 8,244,100 on December 1, 1939.

The present upward trend, says the report, is expected to continue, as herds are being built up following the downward trend in the cattle cycle.

Increases at December 1, 1940, were shown in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Slight declines occurred in Manitoba and Quebec, while more substantial reductions took place in the Maritime Provinces.

A total of 90,000 vehicles for military purposes have been sent from Canada to the British Empire at war.

RICH GOLD DEPOSITS IN KWEICHOW

KWEIYANG, May 1 (Central)—Exploitation of the rich mineral deposits in Kweishow is proceeding space under Government direction.

Gold, iron, coal and mercury are produced in considerable quantities. The gold deposits in an undisclosed region are estimated to be worth millions of dollars. The iron reserves in another place stretch hundreds of miles, their quality comparable to the iron ores in Tayeh, Hupeh.

Meanwhile, silver, copper, lead, zinc, antimony, arsenic, tin, gypsum, sulphur and manganese mines are under survey.

The Kweichow provincial authorities are planning to establish a large iron refinery and organise a Kweichow Coal Mining Company in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN FREE CHINA

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Central)—Since the outbreak of the war, 11 industrial centres have sprung up in China's south-western and north-western provinces, where 1,378 new factories are turning out industrial products to meet military and non-military needs.

Among the factories are 361 chemical works, 313 machine work-shops, 294 textile mills, 93 metallurgical works, 48 electrical works and 269 other plants.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

				THURSDAY 1 MAY.				
Buyer	Sellers	Sale	Nominal	Buyer	Sellers	Sale	Nominal	
			\$1325	H.K. Banks			\$1325	
			278	Do. (Col. Reg.)			278	
			271	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			271	
			284	Chartered Banks			284	
			222	Mercantile Bks. "A"			222	
			211	Mercantile Bks. "C"			211	
			\$70	Bank of East Asia			15 ct.	
				N. C. & S. Banks				
				Insurances				
			\$222	Canton Insurances			\$222	
			420	Union Insurances			420	
			21	Underwriters			20 ct.	
			187	H.K. Fires			187	
				Shipping				
			\$126	Douglases			\$126	
			82	Steamboats			82	
			92	Indo-Chinas (Praf.)			92	
			80	Indo-Chinas (Det.)			80	
			40/7	Shells			40/7	
			55	Waterboats			55	
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				
				Providents				
				H.K. Docks (Old)				
				H.K. Docks (New)				
				+Shanghai Docks				
				Mining				
				Kailan				
				Bauba				
				Hong Kong Mines				
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
				H.K. & S. Hotels				
				H.K. Lands				
				Do. 4% Debentures				
				\$32				
				12.70				
				Shanghai Lands				
				H.K. Realities				
				Huuphrys				
				Chinese Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
				Ews. (S.)				
				\$200				
				Shai Cottons (S.)				
				Zoing Sings (S.)				
				Wing On Textiles (S.)				
				Public Utilities				
				H.K. Tramways				
				Peak Trams (old)				
				Peak Trams (new)				
				Star Ferries				
				Ymati Ferries				
				China Lights (O.)				
				H.K. Electrics (Old)				
				H.K. Electrics (New)				
				H.R. Electric (Rts.)				
				Macao Electrics				
				Macao Electrics				
				Sandakan Lights				
				Telephones (old)				
				Telephones (new)				
				Industrials				
				Cald. Macq. (Ord.) S.				
				Cald. Macq. (Pref.) S.				
				Canion Ics.				
				H.K. Hopes				
				H.K. Govt. Loans				
				1% Loan				
				34% " (1934)				
				34% " (1940)				
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farms				
				Entertainments				
				Constructions (old)				
				Constructions (new)				
				Lane Crawfords				
				Nanyang Tobacco				
				Sinceres				
				Watsons				
				Ch. G. 5% 1925G\$Bds				
				18. K. Wing On				
				Shai Wing On				
				Vibro Filing				
				Marmatus Inv. (Lam.)				
				Wm. Powells				
				Lights Rts.				
				Hales to Shanghai				

MOST OF THIS YEAR'S WOOL CLIP REQUIRED FOR WAR PURPOSES

It will soon be sheep shearing centage of the 1941 Canadian wool it is important that Canadian wool be handled and marketed to best advantage, says A. A. MacMillan, Production Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture. All wool sold commercially will be graded and in this way each grade will be used for the purpose for which it is best suited.

As Canadian wool of itself is equal to any produced elsewhere in the following suggestions may be of value to Canadian sheep raisers at this season of the year:

1. At lambing time avoid dropping straw and chaff on the ewes' backs while in the small lambing pens.

2. Avoid allowing ewes to get dirty in wet, muddy yards or pens.

3. During the spring break-up, keep pens as dry as possible. Provide drainage from pens and yards.

4. Prepare for shearing by making sure that the ewes can be penned in a clean place free from chaff and seeds.

5. A clean shearing platform is essential.

6. Ewes that are tagged at this season of the year are less likely to become dirty later on.

7. Make arrangements for a supply of paper, twine, and wool sacks, so that the fleeces can be properly rolled and tied at shearing time, and the wool well stored until sold.

The 1941 clip of fleece wool should make a valuable contribution to Canada's war effort, and it is important that each fleece be kept clean, free from straw, seeds, chaff, burrs, and tags and that it be marketed in good condition for grading and sale to Canadian mills that can use it to best advantage.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 1, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.49	11.31	11.27	11.47	.02 up
New York Rubber, May	23.70	23.30	23.50	23.65	.15 up
Chicago Wheat, May	92	90	91	91	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	88	88	88	88	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.91	13.85	13.82	13.90	.08 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Closing	Change
May	11.27/27	11.47/47	.20 up
July	11.33/34	11.50/50	.17 up
October	11.34/36	11.51/52	.17 up
December	11.36/38	11.52/52	.16 up
January	11.31 N	11.48 N	.17 up
March	11.36/38	11.52/52	.16 up
Spot	11.47	11.71	.24 up

Total sales Tuesday:—135,700 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	23.50/51	23.65 N	.15 up	
July (New contract)	22.69/23.02	23.15/18	.16 up	
September ()	22.50/50	22.85/65	.15 up	
December ()	22.15/18	22.30/30	.16 up	

Total sales for the day:—620 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1 off
July	88 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1 off
September	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1 off

Tuesday's sales:—13,303,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off
July	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off
September	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Close	Change
June	13.82/85	13.90/90	.08 up	
September	13.92/95	13.97/99	.05 up	

Total sales for the day:—34 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	7.20 N	7.24/24	.04 up	

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	2.42b/43a	2.42b/43a	unch.	
July	2.42b/44a	2.43b/44a	.01 up	

Volume of business done:—78 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	.76b/.77a	.77b/.78a	.00 up	
July	.79b/.80a	.80b/.80a	.00 up	

Volume of business done:—128 lots.

The last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	11.47b/50a	11.41b/43a	.06 off	

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	9.15b/19a	9.17b/20a	.02 up	

NEW YORK LARD

	High	Low	Close	Change
September	8.97/97	8.95b	.02 off	

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	6.65b/70a	6.65b/66a	.01 off	

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver 34 3/4 34 3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03 1/4 4.03 1/4

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Apr. 30, 1941.

	Prev.	Today's	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.49	11.31	11.27	11.47	.02 up
New York Rubber, May	23.70	23.30	23.50	23.65	.15 up
Chicago Wheat, May	92	90	91	91	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	88	88	88	88	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.91	13.85	13.82	13.90	.08 up

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION (REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 1, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	Apr. 30	Kennecott Copper	Apr. 30
Alleghany Steel Co.	20	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31
Allis Chalmers	25	Lockheed Aircraft	21
Amer. Can	80	Loew's Inc.	30
American Cyanamid Co.	35	Martin, Glen L.	26
Amet. & Foreign Power	15	Montgomery Ward	31
Amer. & Foreign Power	15	National Aviation	7
Amer. Locomotive	12	Nat. Dairy Products	12
Amer. Metals Co.	16	National Distillers	17
Amer. Radiator	61	Nat. Power & Light	61
Amer. Rolling Mill	13	National Supply Corp.	41
Amer. Stting and Ring Co.	37	New York Central	11
Amer. Sugar Refining	15	Niagara Hudson Power	21
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	150	N. American Aviation	12
Amer. Tobacco "B"	67	North American Co.	12
Amer. Waterworks	41	Northern Pacific	61
Anaconda Copper	23	Packard Motors	28
Atchison, T. & S. F.	28	Paramount Pictures	11
Aviation Corp.	21	Pennsylvania R.R.	24
Baldwin Locomotive	13	Phillips Petroleum	39
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Pullman Inc.	23
Barnsdall Oil	81	Pure Oil	81
Bendix Aviation	34	Radio Corp. of Am.	38
Bethlehem Steel	70	Reading Company, Cdm	14*
Biss & Co.	14	Rentington Arms Co., Inc.	41
Boeing Airplane Co.	13	Republic Aviation Corp.	31
Borg-Warner	17	Republie Steel	17
Briggs Mfg.	18	Reynold Tobac. "B"	30
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	31	Schenley Distillers	9
Canadian Pacific Rwy	32	Shell Union Oil	12
Celanese	20	Sohco-Vacuum Oil	9
Chesapeake & Ohio	37	Southern Pacific	11
Chrysler Corp.	57	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	23
Columbia Gas & Elec.	21	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	28
Commercial Credit Co.	21	Standard Brands	5
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	7/16	Stand Gas & Elec.	9/16
Consolidated Edison	19	Standard Oil of N.J.	34
Consolidated Oil	5	Studebaker Corp.	5
Copperweld Steel	14	Swift International	18
Curtiss Wright (C.)	61	Techinicolor	8
Douglas Aircraft	68	Texas Corp.	37
Du Pont de Nemours	138	Trans-America Co.	41
Eagle Picher Lead	73	20th Cent Fox	58
Elec. Autolite	24	Union Bond & Paper Corp.	10
Elec. Bond & Share	2	Union Pacific	78
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	55	United Aircraft	37
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	59	United Airlines Trans.	10
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	34	United Corp.	8
Flintkots	12	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	21
Gen. Electric	28	United Gas Improvement	7
Gen. Motors	37	U.S. Rubber	20
Gen. Railway Signal	12	U.S. Steel	51
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10	Vanadium	24
Goodrich (B.F.)	12	Vultee Aircraft	42
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17	Walworth Co.	42
Great Northern Iron Ore	14	Warner Bros. Pict.	33
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	25	Westinghouse Elec.	88
Great Western Sugar	22	Woodward Iron Co.	28*
Int. Nickel	26	Chase National Bank	28*
Inter. Paper & Power	13	National City Bank	25*
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	—
Johnman	58		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	High	Low	Close	Change
1940/41	High Dow Jones Averages	Apr. 29	High Low Close	Change
182.80	111.84	30	Industrials	1.19 off
32.67	22.16	20	Rails	.38 off
26.45	18.03	20	Utilities	.25 off
93.19	83.06	40	Bonds	.32 off
64.67	48.74	11	Commodity Index	.14 up

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Captain J. E. Murphy, veteran American President Lines' skipper, claims not to be superstitious. However, he admits quite frankly that the number "four" seems to be his "number of destiny" or something. In fact, if Captain Murphy had been born one of quadruplets, which he wasn't, it is doubtful if the number 4 could have played a more important part in his life to date.

FOURTH LINER

Having won the coveted assignment to command the new s.s. President Garfield, which is the fourth new luxury liner constructed for American President Lines' Round-World service, Captain Murphy immediately began cogitating about the strange series of circumstances which definitely place him under the Sign of Four.

Captain Murphy recalls that it was on the fourth day of the fourth month, eight years ago (which is twice four), otherwise April 4, 1933, that he took over command of the old s.s. President Garfield.

In Europe, luminous paints are being used extensively in A.R.P. shelters, hospitals (the tops of tables on which medicines are placed, exit signs, etc.), theatres and private houses. Luminous street signs, house numbers, name plates, steps and even door handles guide the citizen back to his home.

The motorist has no excuse for infringing traffic laws, for the policeman's helmet and cloak are bathed in the glow of luminous paint which is however invisible to planes above.

It is also asserted that luminous paints, by gradually replacing Neon signs, are ushering in a new era in advertising and in the theatre.

The new President Garfield recently completed her trial runs off the Virginia Coast. These were declared to be "entirely satisfactory." Like her three sister ships before her, the President Garfield was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding company, at Newport News, Va., where three other ships of the same type and for the same service are now under construction.

The President Jackson, first of the seven new round-world liners completed, recently terminated her first world cruise in the record time of 99 days, with an average cruising speed of better than 18 knots. Officers and passengers were unanimous in their praise of the new ship's performance.

		HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Fri.	2	01 52	4 1 05 20
		11 54	6 6 18 57
Sat.	3	03 02	4 0 05 44
		12 44	6 4 21 00
Sun.	4	04 08	4 1 06 26
		13 47	5 9 22 07
Mon.	5	05 05	4 3 07 06
		15 07	5 8 23 07
Tues.	6	05 47	4 6 10 47
		13 37	5 8 23 58
Wed.	7	06 28	5 1
		17 58	5 6 19 14
Thur.	8	07 01	5 6 0 44
		18 18	5 1 13 17

These paints used to come from Europe, but their cost was prohibitive. Recently Indian scientists at the Alipore Test House have developed luminous paints from Indian ores and from calcium strontium and barium sulphides at fairly cheap prices. They have already been tried in A.R.P. exercises in Calcutta and a demonstration has been arranged at the Government Test House, Alipore.

Acquiring energy in the form of light from the sun, the paints continue to glow in the dark, in the same manner as the much more costly radio-active paints which are used on watches, but for a period of from eight to twelve hours only. These locally prepared luminous paints after being exposed for a few minutes to light begin to glow again and continue to glow for several hours.

The importance of luminous paints was realised in the last war, when they were employed for illuminating aeroplane dials and gun sights for night firing.

GREAT IMPETUS

The present war, with the increased effectiveness of the bomber and the necessity for black-out restrictions, has given a great impetus to the study of the production of cheap luminous paints.

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Two-Day War Debate

HOME EFFORT TO BE BOOSTED

LONDON, May 1 (Reuters)—The two-day debate on the war situation is likely to be devoted far more to the urgent question of increasing the war effort at home than to any post mortem on the Government's decision to help Greece, writes Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent.

The Prime Minister's broadcast on Sunday had a good effect on public opinion, and this has been reflected in the attitude of those who last week were critical of Government's action.

Attention is being directed to the home front and its defects. The Minister of Supply yesterday gave a satisfactory answer regarding the production of heavy tanks, but this is only one item in many that are required to wage a successful war against the armoured might of the enemy.

LABOUR QUESTION

There is also the question of labour. Critics claim that little has been done with the compulsory powers which the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced some time ago. Some members urge more drastic action regarding mobilisation of industry and labour for the war effort.

Some responsible people are urging a radical change in the government machinery which, they feel, is not best fitted to get the maximum war effort. They suggest a reorganisation to ensure effective compliance with decisions of the executive.

DIRECT CO-OPERATION

Members want the war effort extended in the greatest possible way and will spare no effort to achieve this, knowing that they have the whole-hearted support of the country.

Closer co-operation with the Empire statesmen will certainly be urgent though it is recognised that such a direct co-operation in London is not as easy as in the last war owing to the more exacting call on their own Ministers by all the Dominions.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 1 (Reuters)—It is officially announced that the British trans-Atlantic air service will be resumed this summer for purposes connected with the war.

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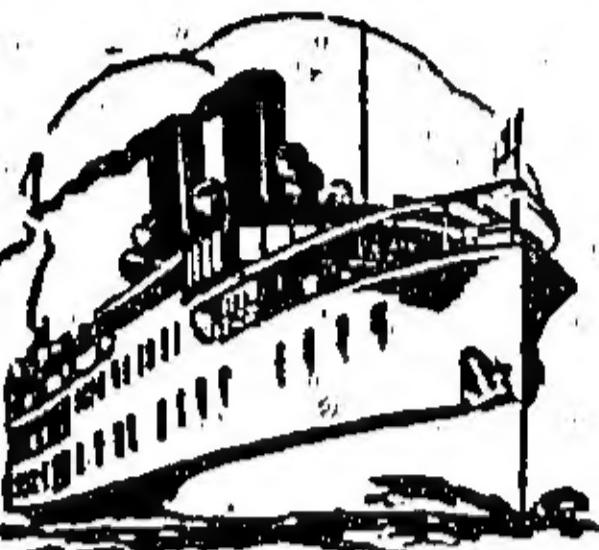
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MIDDLESEX REGIMENT SKATING CARNIVAL

The skating carnival held for the first time in the history of the garrison by the MIDDLESEX REGIMENT at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Nathan Road, last evening was featured with novelty and safety.

Five hockey, three basketball matches and an open relay were included in the programme.

The hockey championship was awarded to a team from Headquarters which eliminated "B" Coy. in the first round, beat "A" Coy. in the second and defeated "C" Coy. in the final.

Another friendly hockey encounter was played between the "Sergeants" and the "Corporals" which the latter won by 3-2.

There was only one regular hockey player participating in the skating hockey. He was Ure.

Scorers for Headquarters were Geary, Harrington and Hilkene. (2 each).

BASKETBALL

The basketball game between the Sergeants and the Corporals resulted in a 4-0 victory for the latter. Kowloon Skating Rink also took part in the basketball competition; they defeated the Privates 6-4 but lost to the Corporals 12-10. The six-lap relay race, over a distance of about 240 yards, was won by a Chinese team comprising Lee Pak-nin, Lee Man-nin and Lok Fung-sang.

The line-up of the team from the Headquarters was: Thornton, Geary, Bryant, Harrington and Hilkene.

It is learned that hockey and basketball matches will be played between the Middlesex Regiment and the Kowloon Skating Rink on Saturday, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

BUSY DAY AT REGISTRY

Eight Chinese couples were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday. The parties were:

Mr. Lo Yauw-sie, bank clerk, of No. 71 Connaught Road West, and Miss Hung Suk-ha, of No. 134 Connaught Road West, third floor;

Mr. Tam Ping-hang, civil servant, of No. 48 Pilken Street, second floor, and Miss Li Chit-tang, teacher, of No. 263 Queen's Road West, first floor;

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Mr. Arthur Hall, master mariner, of No. 3 Ping Street, first floor, and Miss Helen Yuen, of No. 3 Ping Street, second floor;

Mr. Chen Hung-su, accountant, of the Bank of Communications, Canton office, and Miss Phillips Kwok, secretary, Chinese Women's Christian Temperance Union, of No. 40 Nga Tsin Wai Road.

1,000 GUINEAS RESULT

NEW YORK, May 1 (REUTERS)—The result of the One Thousand Guineas race is as follows:—Dancing Time; Beaute; Keystone.

Ng Sun, 49, of No. 150, Shanghai Street, second floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from crushed fingers sustained when a heavy box fell on his hand while working cargo at Kowloon Godowns.

THOUSAND MEN, WOMEN AFFECTED BY OFFICIAL NIGHTSOIL DECISION

No Reconsideration By Government Likely

"I AM VERY SORRY FOR THOSE PEOPLE BUT I CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. The Government has taken over and I do not think Government will reconsider the matter," said the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in an interview with the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday.

Outside the main entrance to the S.C.A. building was a large crowd of former nightsoil coolies, a deputation from which was in conference with Mr. North when the pressman called.

On their leaving the S.C.A. office, the deputies told the Daily Press reporter that they had petitioned Mr. North to postpone the date of commencement, if he could, re-consider the whole question of taking over.

According to them, over 1,000 men and women have been affected by the Government decision.

"That means," said one of them, "that at least 5,000 mouths have to go hungry, as for each worker there are, at least, four persons dependent on him."

At this juncture, the Hongkong Daily Press reporter was ushered into the presence of Mr. North.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Asked if there was any possibility of Government re-considering their decision, Mr. North replied in the negative. Government, he said, had given the matter the most careful consideration and have decided that, from the point of public health, the old and unsatisfactory system of individual arrangements as to whether the coolies were to call every night or every other night had to stop.

"Members of the medical profession are in entire agreement with the Government Medical Department's point of view in this matter, that the more frequent the excreta is collected the less danger there is of the spread of diseases," said Mr. North.

Referring to the deputation's call, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs pointed out that it was from the coolies and not from the Luen Yip Association. Members from the Association have previously called on him and have also petitioned Government through their solicitor.

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CHARGE PER ANNUM

Asked if the rumour that Government intends to charge \$10 per annum, payable by the landlords, was correct Mr. North stated that he was not in a position to answer that question. "The Urban Council would be in a better position to answer that, when the Hon. Mr. Carrie returns to work."

Mr. G. J. Roe, Secretary of the Urban Council, stated that there were no untoward incidents when Government took over at midnight yesterday. Everything was working smoothly and there was no reason why it should not continue to work better as time went on.

An agriculturist gave it as his opinion that Government control of collection must be supplemented by a control, or system, of sale for manure purposes. "There are, I think, a number of conditioning tanks," said the gentleman. "Into these tanks are poured the nightsoil which, after a few days, would, through some heating process, be de-contaminated and become odourless. It could then be run out through a tap and sold at a fixed price as fertiliser to the farmers in the New Territories."

Results last night in the Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament were:—Un Kwai-yung beat R. C. Danenberg, A. Kurrik beat H. D'Almeida.

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B.W.O.F. RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS FOR MARCH

The British War Organisation Fund receipts and payments account for the month of March is as follows:—

RECEIPTS:—To Balance, \$35,552.12; To donations and subscriptions, \$39,145.49; To sales, \$2,803.68. Total: \$77,301.29.

PAYMENTS:—By remittance (in favour of British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John War Organisation, London), \$12,027.55; By remittance (in favour of Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution), \$12,027.55; By purchases, \$1,645.37; By packing, transport, freight, insurance, etc., \$340.15; By office expenses, \$236.07; By Balance (monies in hand on March 31), \$50,925.02. Total: \$77,301.29.

ROYAL FLAX

King George VI has decided to have several acres ploughed up at Sandringham, his Norfolk estate, for the extension of his flax production. It was his father, King George V, who started the famous Norfolk flax industry.

The need for large supplies of home-grown flax is partly occasioned by the German occupation of Holland and Belgium, from which countries Britain used to import a large proportion of her flax requirements.

Northern Ireland is responsible for the bulk of the output of Britain's finest linen, Ulster linen, in fact, is probably of the highest quality in the world. To-day, a new market has been opened to the North of Ireland linen manufacturers, for the "rustamella" or kit of the Greek regiments of Evzones is made from Ulster linen.

Thus a large part of the new flax which will come from Sandringham may well eventually be worn by the Greek troops who are distinguishing themselves on the battlefields of Albania.

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